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EXAMINER

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	Preeti Kumar		1751	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 September 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Final Rejection

1. Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 18-19 which were previously cancelled are newly added as per the amendment dated 9/21/2005.
2. Claims 1 and 16 are independent.

Response to Amendment

3. The rejection of claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Billman (US 5,534,167) in view of Grippaudo et al. (WO 00/26333) is maintained for the reasons recited in the previous office action and further explained below. Note that the material limitations of newly added claim 18-19 have been addressed within this rejection.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 9/2/2005 have been fully considered but are not found to be persuasive. Applicants urge that the amendments to the pH recited in the instant claims overcomes the rejection of claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Billman (US 5,534,167) in view of Grippaudo et al. (WO 00/26333). Contrary to applicants arguments, although the primary reference teaching of Billman does not teach the claimed pH, Grippaudo et al. teach a liquid composition preferably between pH 3.5 and 6.5 which is encompassed by the pH recited in all of the pending claims including newly added claims 18-19. See col.5,ln.1. Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to arrive at

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a process of cleaning a carpet with a composition having a pH of 0 and 5.5 as recited by instant claims with a reasonable expectation of success, because the teachings of Billman in view Grippaudo et al. suggest a process for cleaning carpet with a composition having a pH of between pH 3.5 and 6.5. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine the teachings of Billman with the process of cleaning taught by Grippaudo et al. because both teach carpet cleaning in general.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Preeti Kumar whose telephone number is 571-272-1320. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00am - 5:30pm.

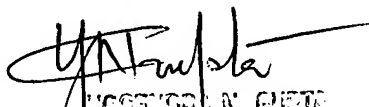
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on 571-272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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